



DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND FOR Frederick County

Located at 100 West Patrick St, Frederick, Maryland 21701

Case No. D-111-CR-23-001218

STATE OF MARYLAND

VS.

SEDLER, JONATHAN

7300 ROBERTS CIRCLE
FREDERICK, MD 21701-0000

CC#:

Tracking No: 231001159771

Home phone: 240-446-7155 Cellphone:

Charge | Statute | Arrest

SEX OFFENSE THIRD DEGREE | CR 3 307 |

SEX ABUSE MINOR: HOUSE/FAM | CR 3 602 (b)(2) |

Charge | Statute | Arrest

SEX OFF 4TH DEG-SEX CONTACT | CR 3 308 (b)(1) |

ANIMAL CRUELTY | CR 10 604 (a)(1)(2)(3) |

Date: 04/28/2023

ARREST WARRANT

Warrant Control No. D220377673

STATE OF MARYLAND, Frederick County

TO ANY PEACE OFFICER:

An order of the court was entered on 04/28/2023, ordering the arrest of SEDLER, JONATHAN to be brought before this court for an Initial Appearance.

YOU ARE ORDERED to immediately arrest the above-named person who resides or may be located at: 7300 ROBERTS CIRCLE, FREDERICK, MD 217010000.

IF THE DEFENDANT IS NOT IN CUSTODY FOR ANOTHER OFFENSE,
Initial appearance is to be held in county in which defendant is arrested.

YOU ARE FURTHER DIRECTED:

☒ to immediately take this person before a judicial officer of the District Court; or if the warrant so specifies, before a judicial officer of the circuit court. An appearance by video satisfies the requirements of this directive.

☐ to hold this person at _____ pending their appearance in the above-named court on the first sitting of the court following their apprehension.

☐ **IF THE DEFENDANT IS IN CUSTODY FOR ANOTHER OFFENSE,** this warrant is to be lodged as a detainer for the continued detention of the defendant for the offense charged in the charging document. When the the defendant is served with a copy of the charging document and warrant, the defendant shall be taken before a judicial officer of the district court; or if the warrant so specifies, before a judicial officer of the circuit court.

☐ _____
Specify other directions as needed
LOCAL DETENTION CENTER, JAIL OR BOOKING FACILITY: **YOU ARE ORDERED to:**
☐ Receive from any officer the body of the above-named defendant who is COMMITTED TO YOUR CUSTODY.

☐ Transfer the defendant to: _____
Facility Name and Address

The defendant, once transferred, shall be taken without unnecessary delay, before this court during the next session to answer these charges.

Date: 04/28/2023 Time: 3:05 PM

ID: B035

Judge/Commissioner/Clerk of the Circuit Court

Description: Driver's License #

Race: W Sex: M Ht: 0' 00" Wt: 0 Hair: Eyes:

DOB: 01/25/2002 FBI #

SID #

SSN

Complexion _____ Tattoos, Marks, Scars _____

Other _____

Given to Law Enforcement Agency: **FREDERICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT**

RETURN OF SERVICE

☐ I certify that at _____ M on _____ at _____
Time Date Place
I executed this arrest warrant by arresting the person named above and delivered a copy of the arrest warrant to them.

☐ I left a copy of the warrant and charging document as a detainer for the continued detention of the person named above at: _____

Detention Facility

Address

Signature of Peace Officer

Title

Agency

Sub-Agency

ID Number



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SEDLER, JONATHAN

COMPLAINANT:

Officer: DET KAYLA STAUB

Agency/Subagency: ZJ 10

Officer ID: 0523

7300 ROBERTS CIRCLE
FREDERICK, MD 21701

CC#:

LID:

Race: W Sex: M

DOB: 01/25/2002

SID:

DL#:

Ht:

Wt:

Home phone: 240-446-7155

FBI#:

Hair:

Eyes:

Cellphone:

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

UPON THE FACTS CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION OF Officer: DET KAYLA STAUB IT IS FORMALLY CHARGED THAT SEDLER, JONATHAN at the dates, times and locations specified below:

NUM	CHG/CIT	STATUTE	PENALTY	DESCRIPTION OF THE CHARGE
001	3 3600	CR 3 307	10 Y	SEX OFFENSE THIRD DEGREE On or About 12/20/2022 7300 ROBERTS CIRCLE, FREDREICK, MD 21701 did unlawfully commit a sexual offense in the third degree upon in violation of CR 3-307 of the Annotated Code of Maryland. Against the Peace, Government, and Dignity of the State.
002	4 3600	CR 3 308 ((b)(1))	1 Y &/or \$1,000.00	SEX OFF 4TH DEG-SEX CONTACT On or About 12/20/2022 7300 ROBERTS CIRCLE, FREDERICK, MD 2170 ...did engage in sexual contact with without her consent. Against the Peace, Government, and Dignity of the State.
003	1 0922	CR 3 602 ((b)(2))	25 Y	SEX ABUSE MINOR: HOUSE/FAM On or About 12/20/2022 7300 ROBERTS CIRCLE, FREDERICK, MD 2170 ... did cause sexual abuse to Jodi Sedler, a minor, the defendant being a family member of Jodi Sedler. Against the Peace, Government, and Dignity of the State.
004	1 0500	CR 10 604 ((a)(1)(2)(3))	0 D &/or \$1,000.00	ANIMAL CRUELTY On or About 12/20/2022 7300 ROBERTS CIRCLE, FREDERICK, MD 2170 ...did inflict unnecessary suffering or pain on a dog . Against the Peace, Government, and Dignity of the State.

Date : 04/28/2023 Time : 3:04 PM

Tracking No. 231001159771

Judicial Officer: _____

B035

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LOCATED AT (COURT ADDRESS)
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Frederick, MD, 21701

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COMPLAINANT

DEFENDANT

Detective Kayla Staub

Printed Name

110 Airport Dr, East

Address

Frederick, MD, 21701

City, State, Zip

ZJ, 10, 0523

Agency, Sub-agency, and I.D. #

3016003679

Telephone

(Officer Only)

Jonathan Sedler

Printed Name

7300 Roberts Circle

Address

Frederick, MD,

City, State, Zip

CC#

2404467155

Telephone

DEFENDANT'S DESCRIPTION: Driver's License # _____ Sex W Race M Ht 5'08 Wt 140Hair _____ Eyes _____ Complexion _____ Other _____ DOB 01/25/2002 ID _____

APPLICATION FOR STATEMENT OF CHARGES

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(Include a statement of facts within your personal knowledge (what you saw or heard, what someone said to you, etc.) showing that there is probable cause to believe that a crime has been committed and that the defendant has committed it. Please see the "NOTICE TO APPLICANT FOR A CHARGING DOCUMENT" for further information.)

I, the undersigned, apply for a statement of charges and a summons or warrant which may lead to the arrest of the above named defendant because on or about December of 2022 at 7300 Roberts Circle, Frederick, MD, 21701
Date Place
, the above named defendant

See Attached

(Continued on attached 7 pages) (DC-CR-001A)

I solemnly affirm under the penalties of perjury that the contents of this document are true to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

4/28/23

Date

Det. Kayla Staub

Officer's Signature

Det. Kayla Staub

Printed Name

I have read or had read to me and I understand the notice on the back of this form.

Date

Applicant's Signature

Subscribed and sworn to before me

4/28/2023

Date

at

2:53

Time

Judge/Commissioner

Printed Name

Katherine Riggins

ID Number

I understand that a charging document will be issued and that I must appear for trial ☐ on _____
at _____, ☐ when notified by the clerk, at the court location shown at the top of this form.
Time

Applicant's Signature

☐ The applicant requests reasonable protection for safety of the alleged victim or the victim's family:

(Describe)

☐ I have advised applicant of the right to request shielding. ☐ The applicant declines shielding.
☐ I declined to issue a charging document because of lack of probable cause.

Date

Commissioner

ID Number





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Sedler, Jonathan

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On December 20, 2022, I, Detective Staub received the following information regarding Jodi Sedler.

Jodi was in class learning personal safety regarding sexual abuse when she disclosed to the first reporter that her uncle has sexually assaulted her multiple times over the past 2-3 years. Jodi reported that her uncle told her not to tell anyone and that she had never told anyone before. Jodi advised that when her uncle is present, she is uncomfortable. Jodi disclosed to the second reporter that her uncle began touching her when she was six to seven years old and that it has happened once this year approximately one month after her birthday. Jodi disclosed that her uncle has touched her "butt" once and her vagina "twice". Jodi advised that her uncle would only touch when nobody else is around.

Furthermore, Jodi stated the uncle has kicked the dog and bit the dog with a "bb gun" causing it to have a bloody mouth.

The uncle is identified as Jonathan Sedler.

The report indicates the incident occurred at 7300 Roberts Circle, Frederick, MD 21701.

On December 19, 2022, Jodi Sedler participated in a forensic interview at the Child Advocacy Center in Frederick County, MD. Child Protective Service worker Sharon Dalessandro was present for the interview but was located in a separate room, where the interview could be viewed with audio. The forensic interview was performed by Meghan McGowan.

On December 20, 2022, I, Detective Staub reviewed the forensic interview.

Meghan asked Jodi what she was there to talk about, and Jodi stated, that her uncle touched her in ways that she did not like, two or three years ago. Jodi was asked to explain what happened.

Jodi stated it occurred twice. Jodi stated, she was at home and her parents were not home. Jodi continued to state that they went into her room, and going into bed, and turned on the tv. Jodi advised she remembers her uncle got into the bed with her and he started to touch her "on the front." Jodi recalls going to bed after he touched her.

Jodi was asked what part of the body she was referring to when she stated he touched her "on the front." Jodi stated, "my vagina." Jodi was asked if he touched her over the clothes or under the clothes and she stated, "under." Jodi explained that he used his fingers to touch her vagina when she was asked what he used.

Jodi stated that he only told her not to tell anyone. Jodi explained that she was lying down on her side. Jodi could not recall how her uncle was positioned but that he was sitting on the bed.

Jodi was asked how it ended and she stated, "he went upstairs" and she fell asleep.

Jodi was asked what she felt her on body when he touched her, and she stated, "uncomfortable."

Jodi was asked if his fingers went inside of her vagina and she said, "I don't think."

4/28/23
Date

Det. Kyle [Signature]
Applicant's Signature

Det. Kyle Staub
Printed Name

TRACKING NUMBER



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Jodi was asked if his fingers went inside of her vagina and she said, "I don't think."

Jodi was asked what helped her remember three years ago, and she stated, she was younger and that she lived with her aunt, and this occurred prior to her living with her aunt and that helps her remember it was around three years ago.

Jodi explained the second time, he first hugged her and put his hand on her back but stopped at her "butt."

Jodi stated that they were watching a movie, but then she went downstairs because it was uncomfortable. Jodi stated that they were watching a movie upstairs in the living room and that nobody else was home.

Jodi stated they were on the loveseat, and she was straight, but slightly lying down and he was sideways. Jodi stated while they were watching a movie, he touched her "front". Jodi was asked if it was over the clothes or under and she stated, "under." Jodi stated that he did not state anything that time.

Jodi stated that when everyone is around, he "doesn't act weird." Jodi was asked if there was time where he had her touch his body and she stated, "no."

Shortly after Meghan took a break. When she returned, she asked Jodi if her uncle touched her with one hand or two hands while in her bedroom and she stated one hand. Jodi was then asked if her uncle touched her with one hand or two hands when they were in the living room, and she stated, "pretty sure it was both." Jodi was asked what made her feel like it was okay to explain what happened. Jodi stated that she had a lesson in school."

It should be noted that it difficult to understand what Jodi was stating at times during the interview due to her speaking softly.

Jodi identified her uncle as Johnathan and could not recall his middle name.

The interview was concluded shortly after.

On December 29, 2022, I, Detective Staub and Child Protective Service Worker Sharon Delssandro met with Jonathan Sedler at the Frederick County Sheriff's Office in the conference room on the main level of the building. The door was left open, and Jonathan was advised he could leave at any time.

Sharon asked Jonathan if he knew why we asked to speak with him, and he said he did not. Jonathan stated, "Nobody will tell me anything."

Sharon advised Jonathan there were sexual allegations made by his niece. Jonathan shook his head in a left to right motion but did not state anything. Sharon advised his niece stated they were watching a movie when she was touched. Jonathan stated, "what movie?" Furthermore, Jonathan stated that he plays video games with his niece.

4/28/23

Date

Det Kayla Staub

Applicant's Signature

Det Kayla Staub

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Jonathan advised that he has not been around his niece. Jonathan stated he doesn't go around the kids because he is a "por head." Jonathan was advised this did not occur recently, rather a few years ago and Jonathan stated, "I don't recall doing that." Jonathan was asked how long he has been smoking marijuana and he stated over half his life. Jonathan was then asked if it possible he was under the influence and touched Jodi, and he stated, "No, I always know what I'm doing when I'm smoking." Jonathan was advised that he is just stated he "does not recall" doing that. Jonathan then stated, "I'm one hundred percent sure I didn't." Jonathan advised that Jodi is currently mad at him because he did not want to play video games with her.

When Jonathan was asked why Jodi would make those statements and state that he is the one who touched her, he first stated that it's possible Jodi has overheard conversations about others being "molested."

Jonathan stated that it is because Jodi is mad that he wont play video games with her. For clarification, I stated, "You think Jodi made all of this up because you wouldn't play video games." Jonathan stated, "Yes."

Furthermore. Jonathan made the statement that Jodi is stating this happened, because Jodi's mom wants to leave her father.

I advised Jonathan that it logically does not make sense for Jodi to make up sexual allegations towards him if her mom wanted to leave her biological father.

Jonathan was advised that we are trying to figure out the truth in this and he stated, "It's a kid you should believe a kid." Jonathan further stated, "My wife was molested and there was no justice, its bullshit." Jonathan was asked if we should believe Jodi and he stated, "I just want what's best for the kids."

Jonathan was advised that Jodi stated that he hit the dog with a bb gun causing the dogs mouth to bleed and he stated, "Yes, I did." Jonathan was asked why, and he stated, "Because it tried to nip someone and pissed and shit on the floor." Jonathan was asked what he used to hit the dog and he stated, "the bb gun." Jonathan became agitated stating, "I can put the dog down whenever I want." Jonathan did not provide the breed of the dog, but stated the dog is medium sized.

It should be noted that Jonathan appeared to be nervous while speaking with myself and Sharon Dalessandro. Jonathan would repeatedly look away or at the floor while making statements and was shaking his left leg at a fast rate.

4/28/23

Date

Det. Kayla [Signature]

Applicant's Signature

Det. Kayla Staub

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On April 11, 2023, I, Detective Stanb contacted Jonathan Sedler via telephone for additional questions regarding the case involving Jodi Sedler.

Jonathan was asked if he can recall when Jodi resided with her aunt, and he stated it was during the Covid pandemic and she resided there for approximately two years. While making that statement, a female could be heard in the telephone call. Jonathan denies ever visiting that residence, which he states is in Cumberland.

Jonathan was asked if he remembered speaking with CPS and me regarding this incident, and he stated yes. Furthermore, Jonathan was asked if he recalls the incident involving the dog that Jodi mentioned, and he stated yes. Jonathan was asked if he remembered the date that particular incident occurred, and he said he could not remember. Furthermore, Jonathan then stated, that he has only had the dog within the past year.

Jonathan became emotional stating he doesn't understand what is going on. Jonathan was asked if he had any questions to clarify his confusion.

During the entire conversation, a female could be heard speaking. I asked whom the female was kept speaking on the telephone, and she identified herself as Chloe, Jonathan's wife.

Chloe would repeatedly state that he "didn't touch those kids." I told the female that the incident involves Jonathan and I need to speak to him.

Jonathan was asked why Jodi would make those statements if they weren't true. Jonathan repeatedly stated, "I don't know" and then stated, "Because I wouldn't play video games."

On April 13, 2023, I, Detective Staub contacted Meghan Snyder regarding the incident that occurred with Jodi Sedler. Megan currently has guardianship of Jodi.

Meghan was asked if Jodi lived with her during Covid. Meghan stated that Jodi did reside with her for a period of time during Covid, due to helping her school assignments, since the schools were virtual. Meghan explained that Jodi would often visit with her mother, and family.

Meghan stated that when she became aware of the sexual allegations involving Jonathan, she picked Jodi up and Jodi resides with her.

Furthermore, Meghan stated that Jodi disclosed that Jonathan's "privates" touched her "privates" and that Jodi stated she was embarrassed to say that.

4/28/23

Date

Det. Karl [Signature]

Applicant's Signature

Det. Karl Staub

Printed Name

TRACKING NUMBER



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On April 24, 2023, Jodi Sedler participated in a forensic interview at the Child Advocacy Center in Frederick County, MD. Jodi stated that she was nervous because of the last time she was there. Jodi stated that she was there before to talk about her uncle.

Jodi stated that, when she was with her uncle, and her parents weren't home, they went upstairs to watch a movie and "he pretty much touched me with his thing." Jodi stated after she ran back downstairs, and he went downstairs but left her alone.

Jodi stated she and her uncle were under a blanket. Jodi stated she felt uncomfortable because he has touched her twice in the past. Jodi stated those are the incidents she talked about the last time she was at the CAC.

Jodi stated that her uncle told her not to tell anyone. Jodi stated, "He started touching me with his thing." Jodi was asked where on her body he was touching her with his thing, and she stated, "below my waist." Jodi identified that part of her body as what she uses to go to the bathroom.

Jodi was asked if he touched her over or under the clothes and she stated under. Jodi stated that he pulling down her clothes. Jodi stated that he pulled down her pants and panties. Jodi also stated that he did the same with his clothes, by pulling down his pants and underwear.

Jodi again stated he placed his "thing" on the area she uses to go to the bathroom, specifically to "pee" from.

Jodi was asked how their bodies were positioned. Jodi stated that she was "slanted", half sitting and half laying down and that her uncle was the in the same position.

Jodi identified her uncle has Jonathan.

All events occurred in Frederick County, MD.

4/28/23

Date

Det. Kayla Staub

Applicant's Signature

Det. Kayla Staub

Printed Name

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I respectfully request, Jonathan Sedler be charged with the following:

CR 3-307 **Sex Offense Third Degree**

... did unlawfully commit a sexual offense in the third degree upon Jodi Sedler in violation of CR 3-307 of the Annotated Code of Maryland

33600

CR 3-308(b)(1) **Sex Offense 4th degree - Sex Contact**

... did engage in sexual contact with Jodi Sedler without her consent.

43600

CR 3-602(b)(2) **Sex Abuse Minor**

... did cause sexual abuse to Jodi Selder, a minor, the defendant being a family member of Jodi Sedler.

10422

CR 10-604(a)(1)(2)(2) **ANIMAL CRUELTY**

...did inflict unnecessary suffering or pain on a dog.

10500

CR 10-604(A)(4) **ANIMAL CRUELTY-CAUSE**

...did unlawfully cause the infliction of unnecessary suffering or pain a dog.

10501

4/28/23

Date

Det. Kaysle

Applicant's Signature

Det. Kaysle St-6

Printed Name

TRACKING NUMBER

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The attached papers charge you with committing a crime. Depending on the crime charged, a **jail sentence** could be imposed by the court if you are found guilty. You have a right to be represented at trial by a lawyer. **ACT IMMEDIATELY** to obtain a lawyer. If you cannot afford a lawyer, you may apply for the Public Defender through the **District Court Commissioner** who will determine if you are eligible for the Public Defender to represent you at trial. If you wait too long to retain the Public Defender or private counsel you can be made to stand trial without a lawyer. Applications are accepted at any District Court Commissioner's Office during operating hours. Please contact the office listed below for operating hours:

District Court Commissioner Station for Frederick County
7300 MARCIE'S CHOICE LANE
Frederick, MD 21704
1-833-453-9799

You should bring the following papers to apply for the Public Defender's services:

1. Court charging documents/traffic tickets. (Statement of Charges/all documents issued to you by court).
2. Trial date notices from the court. (You may apply even if no trial date has been received.)
3. If you are employed:
Written proof of salary, pay stubs, or other written verification of income for the last two pay periods.
4. If you are unemployed:
Proof of public assistance, medical assistance, Social Security or Supplemental Security Income (SSI), or other assistance you are receiving.

For more information on operating hours or locations visit the Maryland Judiciary website:
mdcourts.gov/district/directories/commissionermap
If you require further information about qualifying for the Public Defender, call 1-833-453-9799.

IMPORTANT

IF THE COMMISSIONER DETERMINES THAT YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO BE REPRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC DEFENDER AT TRIAL, YOU WILL RECEIVE A **FINAL QUALIFICATION** IN WRITING. ONCE YOU HAVE RECEIVED THE FINAL QUALIFICATION, ALL QUESTIONS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE:

The address of the Public Defender is: **COURTHOUSE**
100 WEST PATRICK STREET
FREDERICK, MARYLAND 21701

Their telephone number is: **301-600-1988**

The Office of the Public Defender is open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

I have read, or have had read to me, the contents of the above notice and acknowledge receipt of a copy thereof.

DATE

SIGNATURE OF DEFENDANT

**IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A LAWYER ON THE TRIAL DATE, YOU MAY
HAVE TO GO TO TRIAL WITHOUT THE ASSISTANCE OF A LAWYER.**

NOTICE OF ADVICE OF RIGHT TO COUNSEL FOR ALL JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS

TO THE PERSON CHARGED:

1. This paper charges you with committing a crime.
2. If you have been arrested and remain in custody, you have the right to have a judicial officer decide whether you should be released from jail until your trial.
3. If you have been served with a citation or summons directing you to appear before a judicial officer for a preliminary inquiry at a date and time designated or within five days of service if no time is designated, a judicial officer will advise you of your rights, the charges against you, and penalties. The preliminary inquiry will be cancelled if a lawyer has entered an appearance to represent you.
4. You have the right to have a lawyer.
5. A lawyer can be helpful to you by:
 - (A) explaining the charges in this paper;
 - (B) telling you the possible penalties;
 - (C) explaining any potential collateral consequences of a conviction including immigration consequences;
 - (D) helping you at trial;
 - (E) helping you protect your constitutional rights; and
 - (F) helping you to get a fair penalty if convicted.
6. Even if you plan to plead guilty, a lawyer can be helpful.
7. If you are eligible, the Public Defender or a court-appointed attorney will represent you at any initial appearance before a judicial officer and at any proceeding under Rule 4-216.2 to review an order of a District Court commissioner regarding pretrial release. If you want a lawyer for any further proceeding, including trial, but do not have the money to hire one, the Public Defender may provide a lawyer for you. To apply for Public Defender representation, contact a District Court commissioner.
8. If you want a lawyer but you cannot get one and the Public Defender will not provide one for you, contact the court clerk as soon as possible.
9. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE DATE OF YOUR TRIAL TO GET A LAWYER.** If you do not have a lawyer before the trial date, you may have to go to trial without one.

Contact information for District Court Commissioner's Offices can be found at:

<http://www.mdcourts.gov/district/directories/commissionermap.html>

If you require further information about qualifying for a Public Defender, call 1-833-453-9799.

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT

1. **MUST APPEAR** - If the offense with which you are charged is a 'MUST APPEAR' offense, you may not waive trial but are required to appear in court when notified. PLEASE NOTE THAT FAILURE TO APPEAR MAY RESULT IN A WARRANT FOR YOUR ARREST.
2. **PRESET FINE** - You must either pay the preset fine, request a waiver hearing, or request a trial date within 30 days after receipt of the citation/summons/warrant.

NOTE: If charged by citation, follow instructions on the citation. **IF CHARGED BY STATEMENT OF CHARGES (SUMMONS OR WARRANT), CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS, SIGN AND DATE, AND MAIL THIS FORM, ALONG WITH A COPY OF THE STATEMENT OF CHARGES (SUMMONS OR WARRANT) TO THE ADDRESS SHOWN BELOW:**

☐ **OPTION #1:**

Pay the full amount of the preset fine at any District Court of Maryland location, or with a credit card at the Maryland Judiciary Website or by phone (see below) or by mail to the address shown below.

To pay by mail:

- Make your check or money order payable to the District Court of Maryland. Include citation number(s) you wish to pay on check.
- An additional \$10 service fee will be imposed for each dishonored check.

☐ **OPTION #2:**

Request a Waiver Hearing: I admit I committed the violation in this Statement of Charges, and I request a waiver hearing to explain the circumstances to a judge. I understand this is not a trial, the officer and witnesses will not be present, and my appearance in court is for sentencing only.

☐ **OPTION #3:**

Request a trial date: I request a trial date for the violation(s) charged.

Date _____

Signature _____

**District Court Traffic Processing Center
District Court of Maryland
P.O. Box 6676
Annapolis, MD 21401-0676**

Please note that payment in full of the preset fine will close the violation and result in the entry of a conviction for the violation(s). Please note further that points will be assessed by Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) on your driving record after conviction of a violation of the Motor Vehicle Laws of this State. If you fail to comply with one of the above options within 30 days of receipt of a citation/summons/warrant, MVA will be notified and may take actions to suspend your license. Driving on a suspended license is a criminal offense for which you could be incarcerated.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO PAY CITATIONS:

Visit the MD Judiciary Website at www.mdcourts.gov/district or call the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System for trial dates, court locations, and directions.

From all areas including out-of-state calls: 1-800-492-2656

TTY users call Maryland RELAY: 711

I have read or have had read to me the contents of the above notice and acknowledge receipt of a copy thereof.

Date _____

Defendant _____

Date _____

Judge/Commissioner _____